WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Sugar Production and Its Export

*672. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have urged the sugar industry to raise the output and to export more sugar to earn foreign exchange;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have agreed to assist the sugar industries to improve their production; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The Government is continually taking necessary measures to assist the sugar industry to increase its production and thereby enable it to export more sugar. For the next 1991-92 sugar season, in order to encourage early crushing by the sugar factories so as to maximise sugar production, Government has taken a decision to grant incentives in the shape of higher freesale quota @72% on the production to be achieved during the period 1st October, 1991 to 15th November, 1991.

Vacant Posts in Government Departments

*675. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts in each Group lying vacant in the Ministries/Departments of the Union Government as on July 31, 1991; and

(b) the steps taken to fill up the vacant posts and when these are likely to filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). As the responsibility to fill up vacancies and monitor the progress of recruitment action in accordance with the recruitment rules and procedures laid down is distributed among a very large number of different authorities on a specified date and the date by which the vacancies are likely to be filled up is not centrally available.

[*Translation*]

Creation of Posts in Government Departments

*676. PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINITER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts in each Group created in all the Department of the Union Government during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of posts out of the newly created posts filled in so far;

(c) the expenditure incurred on advertisements issued by the Union Government for filling up the vacant posts during the last three years; and

(d) the number of persons appointed belonging to general category, ex-servicemen, handicapped, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Powers for creation of new posts are not centralised in the Ministry of Finance. Under the enhanced

delegation of financial powers, the individual administrative Ministries are competent to create Plan posts in Groups 'B', 'C' & 'D' subject to certain conditions and to create posts required in connection with acquisition of new assets such as vehicles etc. Hence information relating to the total number of posts in various Groups created during the last three years and the number of such posts filled so far is not available centrally.

(c) The committed expenditure on the advertisements issued by the Union Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Commission which are the major recruiting organisations of the Central Government, during the last three years is as under:

Year	*Expenditure incurred (in Rupees)*		
	UPSC	*SSC*	*Total*
1988-89	1,32,96,376	44,80,559	1,77,76,935
1989-90	1,69,09,649	1,11,31,347	2,80,40,997
1990-91	2,14,51,527	71,30,851	2,85,82,378

(d) Information relating to the number of candidates selected/nominated by the Union Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Commission which are the major recruiting organisations of the Central Government, during the three years viz. 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 is given below:-

Union Public Service Commission

Year	*Number of Candidates Nominated*			
	Unreserved	*Scheduled Caster*	*Scheduled Triber*	*Total*
1987-88	6407	569	315	7291
1988-89	6147	429	287	6863
1989-90	(Break up not available)			6457

Note:- The UPSC makes recruitment to Group 'A' and Group 'B' posts. As there is no reservation for ex-servicemen and the physically handicapped in the matter of appointment to Groups 'A' & 'B' posts, information on the number of candidates belonging to these categories is not maintained.

Staff Selection Commission

Number of candidates nominated

Year	*Unreserved*	*Scheduled Castes*	*Scheduled Tribes*	*Ex-servicemen*	*Physically handicapped*	*Total*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*
1987-88	13665	2294	1319	311	526	18115
1988-89	12507	3139	1951	320	365	18282
1989-90	10418	3963	2606	321	278	17586

Information relating to the number of candidates selected by other recruiting organisation and individual Ministries/Departments/Offices is not centrally available.

[*English*]

Achievements in Indigenous Electronic Technology

*677. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the major achievements made so far in the use of indigenous electronic technology in various field of development;

(b) the optimum productivity improvement achievable due to this technology; and

(c) the potential for employment generation and export promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The major indigenous achievements of electronics technology in relation to its application to various fields of development are Black & White and Colour Television sets, National Television Network, Computerisation of Railway & Airline Reservation Systems, Parallel Processing Computer (PARAM), Graphics and Intelligence Based Script Technology (GIST), National Informatics Centre Network (NICNET), Electronic Systems for missiles like Prithvi, Nag, Agni and Trishul, Linear Accelerator for Cancer treatment, High Voltage Direct Current Transmission and Electronic Instrumentation for Textiles, Pulp, Paper Industry, etc.

(b) The optimum productivity improvement achievable will depend upon a number of factors like the nature of the industry, the degree of automation and electronification possible and energy intensity.

(c) As per the study report of the Institute of Applied Manpower Research entitled "Employment Potential of Electronics" the employment created is 446 per Rs. 1 crore investment during 1989-90 which is relatively high employment/investment ratio. Software, B&W and Colour TV sets, Audio Systems, certain components, etc. have been identified as items having export potential in the field of electronics.

[*Translation*]

Fair Price Shops in Delhi

678. SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to inadequate number of Fair Price Shops in Delhi, the people have to face a lot of difficulties;

(b) if so, the number of units attached to a Fair Price Shop and whether there is any fixed limit in this regard;

(c) whether this limit is uniform all over Delhi; if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of Fair Price Shops in outer Delhi and East Delhi as per norms; and

(e) the action being taken by the Government to open more Fair Price Shops for the benefit of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Generally, 5000 cereal units are attached to one Fair Price Shop with due